# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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National Handloom Day
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has declared August 7 as National Handloom Day and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any new scheme announced/proposed to be announced to revive and develop handloom industry with focus on export?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): Yes, Madam. August 7th has been declared National Handloom Day vide Gazette Notification No.2 (14)/2015/DCH/P&E dated 29th July, 2015. The 1st National Handloom Day was celebrated on 7th August 2015 at Chennai and 2nd National Handloom Day is being celebrated at Varanasi.

(b): For development of Handloom Industry as well as to boost export the following schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Textiles through Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms:-

i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
ii) Yarn Supply Scheme
iii) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)

For promotion of export of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Chennai is nodal agency to explore the international market and organize participation of exporters therein.

Ministry is laying special emphasis on skill upgradation of handloom weavers and on linking handloom products with fashion.

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